

Amendments to the Specification:

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While using the internet, hidden from the user are the various communications protocols that make the internet function. Various committees and *ad hoc* groups known as working groups coordinate and control the internet. The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) is the protocol engineering and development arm of the internet. Working groups under the IETF determine the rules and protocols for the underlying functionality of the internet and publish them as requests for comment, commonly referred to as RFCs. Each working group makes its RFCs available via the internet at various web sites. A central point for obtaining the RFCs referenced below is the IETF's web site, [\[\[www.ietf.org\]\] WWW.IETF.ORG](http://www.ietf.org). (No mailing address or geographic location is provided by the IETF). In addition, an organization called the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has been formed to continue the work of the IETF, although, the IETF and the W3C exist concurrently. (See [\[\[www.w3c.org\]\] WWW.W3C.ORG](http://www.w3c.org); The W3C may be contacted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Laboratory for Computer Science , 545 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139).

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Various companies have begun offering internet users free storage space on remote servers. These remote servers are web sites running WebDAV enabled HTTP with additional software running to provide a web based interface to the disk space made available on the remote server . Companies such as Xythos Software, Inc. of Redwood City, California that

A2 provides a web site called Sharemation (www.sharemation.com), My Docs Online! Inc. of Naples, Florida (www.MyDocsOnline.com), and Driveway Corporation of San Francisco, California (www.driveway.com) WWW.DRIVEWAY.COM allow personal computer users to create a directory on the company's web site and store files for secure personal use. These companies provide any personal computer user access to a remote storage device and provide a facility that allows personal computer users to write files to and retrieve files from the remote computer, thus providing the same benefits that were historically only available to companies or businesses via private networks.
